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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) (A/C.5/48/40, paras. 21-26).

2. In its resolution 47/208 B of 14 September 1993, the General Assembly authorized an amount of $25,003,300 gross ($24,258,800 net) to cover the period from 1 November 1993 to 28 February 1994, should the Security Council extend the mission beyond 31 October 1993. In October the Council concurred in the Secretary-General's recommendation that the mission be maintained through 8 April 1994.

3. As stated in paragraph 23 of the Secretary-General's report, the Secretary-General estimates the cost of maintaining UNIKOM for the six-month period 1 November 1993 to 30 April 1994 at $36,128,800 gross ($35,122,200 net), or $6,021,467 gross per month; the Advisory Committee notes that the monthly cost is slightly lower than the amount authorized for the four-month period through February 1994. Based on the undertaking by the Government of Kuwait that it will make a voluntary contribution amounting to two thirds of the budgeted cost of UNIKOM, it is estimated that $23,414,800 will be received as a voluntary contribution, thereby leaving a balance of $12,714,000 gross.

4. Bearing in mind that resources provided by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/208 B for the strengthening of UNIKOM have not been spent (see A/C.5/48/40, para. 24), no additional resources are requested by the Secretary-General for the maintenance of UNIKOM through 30 April 1994. Rather, as stated in paragraph 125 (d) of his report, the Secretary-General requests authorization to enter into commitments up to the amount of $12,714,000 gross ($11,707,400 net) for the period from 1 November 1993 to 30 April 1994, should the Security Council continue the mission beyond 8 April 1994.

5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments up to the amount of $12,714,000 gross ($11,707,400 net) for the period from 1 November 1993 through 30 April 1994 from the unencumbered balance of appropriations, should the mission be maintained beyond 8 April 1994.